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Players Perfect TALL STORY; Ticket Sale Starts April 29

Tickets for the Tilden Drama Guild production of *Tall Story* will go on sale April 29. They are priced at \$1.50 each. Various guild committees are set for the May 24 and 25 productions. Ticket sales take place in English and Speech classes.

This year's large budget will be spent in a diversity of ways, since many unusual stage effects are planned. Preparations for an interlude of folksinging are under way, and details of staging a locker room scene are being worked out by the stage crew committee, headed by Michael Roth and Ellen Fisch, and the properties committee, with chairman Calvin Schwartz.

Cast members and committee chairmen are encountering special challenges in this production. In previous years, when the guild presented *The Matchmaker* and *The Man Who Came to Dinner*, elaborate costumes and make-up were in order. This year, a collegiate atmosphere is desired, since *Tall Story* is a play concerned with college life. The costumes chairman, Beverly Hymowitz, and the make-up chairman, Lynn Globerman, must plan accordingly.

Part of this atmosphere will be the entrance of cheerleaders. Rosemary Appelbaum, Miriam Stern, Susan Schneider, Lucy Schneider, and Debbie Liss will do this job. These touches of

the familiar will be combined with unusual effects to create the atmosphere of *Tall Story*.

In this play the actors have much to work with. The situation is of universal appeal, since it concerns teenagers. Its humor of line and action is attested to by the acclaim which it won as a play and a movie (in the latter hit productions; Jane Fonda and Tony Perkins starred). Several characteristic traits of the teachers in the comedy can be played up for greatest humor. Arnold Dressner, who will portray a college president, will use this technique. Ray Blent, the bright college basketball player who is tempted by bribes (Larry Waxman in this cast) comically complicates his life. His girl, June Ryder (Jacqueline Halbkram) shares his problem (while looking after her own interests, of course). The solemn teachers, Leon Solomon (played by Michael Schwimmer) and Charles Osman (portrayed by Jerry Teahan) find devious means of saving the day.

The director, Mr. Joel Dick, the assistant, Miss Anita Goldmuntz, the cast, and the entire guild have worked for nearly five months to perfect these devices, and to present the best production possible. *Tall Story* promises to be the highlight of the school year, and ticket sales are expected to be brisk.

1963 G.O. Nominees Announced; Candidates To Campaign In May



G.O. CANDIDATES. Top: Geoffrey Rippes, Ronald Rothberg, Howard Fried, Jeffrey Dorsky, Michael Kremin. Bottom: Arnold Ludwig, David Paige, Michael Goldberg, Sheldon Lederman.

Candidates have been chosen to run for G.O. office in the 1963 G.O. elections. Three of the nine competitors will fulfill the positions of president, vice-president, and secretary of the G.O.

Nominees for president are Jeffrey Dorsky of official class 6B, Ronald Rothberg of class 6A, and Geoffrey Rippes of class 6N. Jeffrey, a member of Arista, has maintained a 93% average, and is on the football team. Presently, he is the G.O. representative of his official class and is secretary to several teachers.

Ronald, who is a member of the basketball team, the president of his official class, and in Arista, has an 89% average. He was previously on the executive board of the G.O., held a G.O. position in junior high school, and participated in Sophomore Sing. Geoffrey is an Arista member with an average of 92%, and was a G.O. representative last year.

Sheldon Lederman, David Paige, and Michael Kremin are vying for the position of vice-president. Sheldon, of official class 6C, is a member of the football team, works for various teachers, and was vice-president of his freshman official class. He maintains an average of 86%.

David, of official class 6L, is a marshal in the school cafeteria, works for the deans and in the bookroom, and has an 87% average. He was president and vice-president of his official class during his sophomore year. Michael, of official class 6W, is secretary to several teachers and has a 90% average.

Competing for the office of secretary are Michael Goldberg, official class 6P, Arnold Ludwig, official class 6S, and Howard Fried, official class 6R. Michael, with an average of 91%, is a member of Arista, Tilden Drama Guild, and the Westinghouse Talent Search. He works for the science magazine *Biophemist* and is an alternate G.O. representative. Formerly, he was a member of the Biology Squad, Chemistry Squad, and *Tilden Topics*. He also worked as a hall marshal and as secretary to various teachers.

Arnold works for various teachers and is the alternate G.O. representative of his official class. His average is 88%. Howard is also an alternate G.O. representative and has worked for teachers through the school.

The candidates will give their speeches in May during an assembly program and students will then vote in their official classes.

U.S. Senator Jacob Javits Receives Lefkowitz Award

Guest Interviewed By Topics' Editors

At an interview with *Topics* editors after his acceptance of the Lefkowitz Award, New York's Senator Jacob Javits gave some insight into the current problems facing our state and nation. Under discussion were the newly instituted tuition fee at the State and City University colleges, compulsory arbitration in labor-management disputes, and the recently initiated zoning plans to integrate schools in Brooklyn, which will open in September.

Tuition Fees

Senator Javits expressed the opinion that student tuition at the state and city universities should be based on ability to pay. However, he qualified this statement by adding that tuition charges should be waived for those who are unable to pay.

The distinguished visitor, a former member of the House of Representatives and Attorney General of New York State, was also asked for his views on a recent proposal to institute compulsory arbitration of labor-management disputes. Senator Javits voiced strong disapproval of this plan.

School Integration

The Board of Education has put into operation a plan to equalize the different racial groups in city schools. This is to be accomplished by the abandoning of the neighborhood zoning plan, commonly referred to as the Blodnick Plan. The Senator indicated a preference for a "30-30-30" integration system (30% White, 30% Negro, and 30% Puerto Rican) with minimum inconvenience for the students. It was further added, however, that integration of this sort should not become, as he termed it, "artificial."

"For Dedication and Devotion"

Senator Javits was presented with the Lefkowitz Award Scroll for his dedication and devotion . . . his strong social conscience which has "motivated his efforts to support public housing legislation, to strengthen and enhance public education, to give serious attention to the problem of adequate medical care for the aged, and to protect the civil rights of minority groups."

Seven Chosen for NCTE Contest; Committee Selects U.N. Winners

Tildenites continue to distinguish themselves scholastically in the fields of English and social studies. Seven students will represent Tilden in the sixth annual National Council of Teachers of English achievement awards competition, according to Mr. Martin Blum, chairman of the English Department. The Social Studies Department also has announced the three winners of the United Nations Contest.

Names of NCTE Nominees Are Announced

The seven nominees for the National Council of Teachers of English are Robert Braun, Jill Bleier, Sharyn Freidman, Francine Geraci, David Gorelick, Jacqueline Rudin, and Rose Visner. These students were chosen on the basis of their Speech and English marks, recommendations of their teachers and standardized test scores. The competition will test their ability to write and think clearly, their knowledge of style and mechanics, and their literary awareness.



L. to R.: Mr. Abraham Margolies, Mrs. Esther Lefkowitz, Senator Jacob K. Javits.

Jacob K. Javits, United States Senator from New York, was the recipient of the sixth annual Dr. Abraham Lefkowitz Memorial Award. It was presented at a special senior assembly April 1.

Honored Guests

Senator Javits entered the auditorium amidst a standing ovation by the faculty, student body, and distinguished guests, including former administrative assistant, Mr. Albert C. Zahn, and the wife, son, and daughter of the late Dr. Lefkowitz.

Presenting the introductory speech was Mr. Israel Muraskin, head of the Awards Committee. As reason for Senator Javits' receiving the Lefkowitz Award, Mr. Muraskin cited his "outstanding contributions to the American way of life."

"Most Outstanding Republican"

Speaking next was Principal Abraham Margolies who noted that it is "fitting and proper that the most outstanding Republican in the country" should now receive it.

Mr. Margolies further commented that Senator Javits has never lost an election in which he was a candidate, and that he is "no worshipper of party line, simply because it holds the brand of Republican."

Senator Gives Speech

Senator Javits was "deeply honored by this award . . . given in the name and tradition of a great educator, great New Yorker," Dr. Abraham Lefkowitz. He said he accepts the award not as a fee for services rendered, but as "an incentive or means of driving one forward with greater deter-

mination."

Speaking about the problems facing the world today, the Senator commented that they are so difficult that they will take a lot of time to solve. He said, "Unless we blow ourselves up, the twenty-first century will be the time to solve our problems."

The New York Congressman limited himself to three specific topics: the atom, supranational government, and discrimination and segregation on an international scale.

Concerning the atom, he stated that "peaceful uses are most critically important," but, "there is a need to devise international control of armaments" and some means of controlling future members of the "nuclear club."

Supranational government, the next topic, included a discussion on "some form of government retaining peace in the nuclear age." It would require an efficient form of executive control, financial maintenance, and a legislative body different from that used by the United Nations today.

"The prime moral problems of our nation" is discrimination. We must "practice what we preach in our Constitution," Senator Javits also noted that discrimination as "one of the



Senator Jacob K. Javits

worst moral blights of all mankind" must be eliminated throughout the world.

Longtime Public Servant

Senator Jacob K. Javits was born on the lower east side of New York City May 18, 1904. He received his law degree from New York University Law School in 1928 and was admitted to the bar the following year. In World War II, Senator Javits received the Legion of Merit and Army Commendation Ribbon and was discharged as a lieutenant colonel in June, 1945.

Elected to the Eightieth Congress from the twenty-first Congressional District, he served for four terms. The Senator was elected New York State Attorney General in 1954 and was elected to the United States Senate two years later.

Robert Braun
and Sam Roberts

From the Principal:

Importance of "I Will" Over "I.Q."

My Dear Students:

If I were to ask you to list the qualities of a good high school teacher, I should imagine your answer would run something like this: a good teacher should know his subject; he should have an understanding of what makes an adolescent tick; he should have a flair for presenting his subject in an interesting and engaging way; he should be fair and impartial in his judgments.

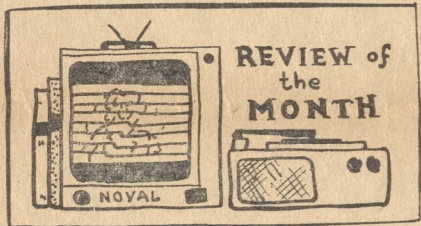
Suppose I were to ask you what the ingredients of a good student are. Perhaps you wouldn't find the answer to that quite so easy since you'd be standing too close to the object being evaluated, like the spectator in an art gallery standing on top of a picture. Perhaps you might be inclined to give the obvious answer: A good student should have a high I.Q., be a good reader, and like to play with ideas. While there is some truth to the assertion regarding intelligence, it suffers from being too superficial. The plain fact of the matter is that literally hundreds of our students with high I.Q.'s plus top-notch Iowa scores, turn out to be disappointing scholars. These are our under-achievers. Conversely, we find that many students with just normal intelligence—with mere on-grade or even somewhat sub-grade reading ability—come through beautifully in their studies, achieve the 85% or better averages needed for admission to our better colleges, win State Scholarships and are even among those who graduate with honors.

What is the magic ingredient that explains this phenomenon? It is what I would like to call the "I Will" rather than the "I.Q." A student who has an overpowering desire to learn and pursues it in a conscientious and persistent way, plugging along each day, working on all the cylinders the good Lord gave him—that young man is on the way to becoming a scholar. I will grant you that to start with, there must be a normal competence in the art of reading and writing, and a command of the fundamental processes of numbers. But, by the time they reach high school, 80% of our population are endowed with the bedrock foundation to build on. Yet fewer than one-third build on this foundation intelligently. They take a course but do not master it. They attend high school but are left basically unaffected by the process of scholarship. The basic reason for this failure is a lack of will to change the metal in ourselves into the gold of learning.

This desire to learn is intimately tied up with intellectual curiosity. The little child who wants to know why leaves are green and why the ocean has waves is on the way to becoming a student. However, this curiosity must be wedded to a will to dig out the answers. Mere idle curiosity without follow-through is just intellectual sluggishness. Thomas Edison well caught the spirit of what I'm saying when he defined genius as "5% inspiration and 95% perspiration."

I am thus making a plea for you to develop those qualities which will make a student of you. This can be done only by denying yourself some of the present superficial pleasures of life such as hours of T.V. watching and overattendance at movies for the more enduring pleasures of the scholar.

Cordially yours,
ABRAHAM MARGOLIES,
Principal



By Susan Parker

Franz Kafka's novel *The Trial*, describing tyranny and terror in a totalitarian state, has been adapted by Orson Welles into a first rate movie—an abstract, absorbing, magnificently imaginative, almost surrealistic drama filmed in an odd, dreamlike, exciting way.

The novel, first published in 1930, is as pertinent today as it was then. In it, Kafka shows broad insight and brilliant far-sightedness into the affairs of the world, and warns us of the horrors and atrocities of a demagogue even before the time of Hitler. "The wonderful thing about Kafka is that he is so modern," explained Anthony Perkins, star of the movie in a school press interview. "The situation described in the film could happen anywhere in the world today, even right here in New York City."

Filmed in Rome and Paris, at a cost of \$13,000,000, *The Trial* tells of a youth who is arrested, tried and condemned for an unnamed crime by unnamed accusers. The film's climactic sequences—the arrest of Mr. K., his desperate search for the truth, his experiences with his lawyer and the courts, and the final outcome of the trial, make this picture a fine, meaningful, powerful, complex, modern, unusual drama. The definite moral of the novel, cleverly interwoven at strategic points during the film is left to the minds and hearts of discerning viewers. Indeed, as the star of the movie told us during the interview, "This is not the kind of picture you can sit back and enjoy."

In all respects, *The Trial* is excellent entertainment, splendidly played by Anthony Perkins as the victim of his society, Jean Moreau, Akim Tamiroff, Romy Schneider, and Elsa Martinelli. Orson Welles, universally known for his radio broadcast of H. G. Wells' *War of the Worlds*, wrote, directed, and produced the fine screen play.

Letter to De Gaulle Backs British View

"Britain is in a crisis that just you can solve. You alone can save Britain!" These are excerpts from a letter to President Charles De Gaulle of France by Alan Maisel, in response to a request by his social studies teacher, Mr. David Rothstein, to help promote an understanding of history.

Mr. Rothstein, teacher of *Problems in American Democracy*, distressed by the Cuban crisis and problems in the Common Market, called upon his class to think about these subjects and write letters to the leaders of these countries. Alan Maisel, motivated by this thought, decided to write a letter to President De Gaulle about the present Common Market crisis. The letter is concerned with President De Gaulle's decision to exclude Britain from the Common Market.



Alan Maisel, 81A

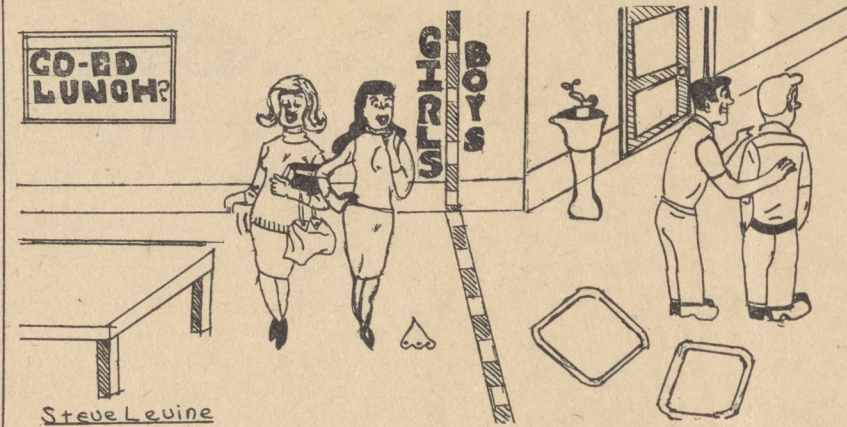
Alan takes exception to this position. He points to Britain's aid in 1919 and 1938. He stresses the fact that Britain must be considered a part of Europe and that France must come to the aid of Britain to pay back past loyalties and to preserve freedom and peace in the Western World. He cites the assessment of world affairs by President De Gaulle as incorrect, and appeals to him to change his decision and help unite all the free nations of the world.

The letter was translated into French by Mr. Allen Meyer and Mrs. Mary Bernstein of the Foreign Language Department, and Serge Leconte, 8B. Copies of this letter will be sent to the New York Post and the French Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Tildenites Lose Nerve; Lunchroom Not So Co-ed

"Coed cafeteria? Are you running for the G.O. or are you just plain nuts? No, you're kidding! Impossible! It could never happen in this school—everyone knows that Tilden is still in the Middle Ages."

All over the school, Tildenites stop, look, listen, and then hurry off to the nearest phone booth to call Kings County Hospital. Although several students are laughed out of school, and many others are branded incorrigible



Steve Levine

liars, everyone eventually gets the word—after ten years of segregation—Tilden finally would have a coed lunchroom.

Just think! During lunch, all the boys and girls would be together like one great happy frat—I mean family. They could see it all now. Pizza, coke, and ice cream served under red and blue light bulbs. The melodic strains of *A Quarter to Three* coming over the loudspeaker system. Free dancing lessons in the twist, the limbo, and the slop (how appropriate). Courteous pledges (freshmen) picking up paper from the floor and running errands to and from the candy counter.

Gullible's Travels

By Sandy Rabinowitz

Haven't Pass . . . Can't Travel

During this month's wanderings, I was stopped several times by conscientiously inquisitive teachers who demanded to see my pass. I am famous for my ingenuity on such occasions. This time, I used the psychological approach. I got them to start talking about their hobbies and pretty soon they forgot about the 44 days detention they were about to award me!

Did you know that you have a spelunker in your school? (Don't run under the desk; it's not what you think it is). For the uninformed, a spelunker is one who crawls in caves for the purpose of exploration. Mr. Michael Cillo of the English Department is an experienced spelunker who has explored caves in the Bear Mountain area with a group of friends. He heartily recommends this interesting sport to teen-agers. (Even if you don't actually crawl in caves, think of all the fun you can have, telling your friends what you're doing Saturday night).

My spies have informed me that our faculty adviser, Mr. Arnold Schwartz, of the English Department, is a devotee of ice hockey. At one time, he played on the amateur level, but he has since confined his participation in the sport to a hobby. Needless to say, the editors will make Mr. Schwartz regret the day he divulged this secret. Whenever he complains of fatigue. . . .

On my way out, I chanced to glance in the room in which *Tall Story* was being rehearsed. The cast was literally taking a break, since the set had not been properly installed. One actress, who shall remain nameless, found that she had insufficient room to cross the stage. . . . one actor, who had better remain nameless, decided to burst into song. . . . several "modest" performers "happened" to appear on stage in rather striking poses as the *Topics* candid camera clicked a shot. . . . another cast member broke up the entire rehearsal by substituting a wild version of the twist for his customary cue. I'd better not describe the rest of that "coffee break." All you'd say to me is, "That's a *Tall Story*!"

The neighborhood dance halls (all of which seem to have Greek letters for names) printed up reserves of business cards in anticipation of an increased demand. Both boys and girls spent hours deciding on what they should wear to the First Coed Lunch. It was unanimously decided to leave sweatsocks and gym sneakers in the lockers. Room deodorants dropped three points on the American Stock Exchange.

This was it! The First Lunch (Like the Last Supper, only different.) Deans broke out their newly printed supplies of pink cards. Teachers rubbed their hands together and the detention supervisors leered evilly.

But it did not happen as was expected. Instead of pizza and coke, we had the same old milk (ugh!) and tuna fish. (Oddly enough, Tilden received ten truckloads of tuna free of charge from a well-known chain of supermarkets). The same teachers were ordering the same students to pick up the same pieces of paper. And worst of all, almost no one had the nerve to cross the line!

"To Tell the Truth" Features Mr. Irgang

Mr. David Irgang, a member of Tilden's Accounting Department, recently won wide acclaim when he appeared on CBS-TV's afternoon quiz program, "To Tell The Truth."

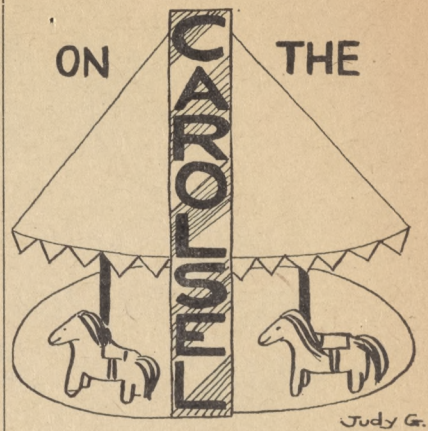
Mr. Irgang was invited to appear on the program by an old friend, now an employee of Goodson-Todman, the firm which produces "To Tell The Truth," who thought it would be amusing if Mr. Irgang appeared on the show on a day when Sam Levinson, a former Spanish teacher at Tilden, was a panelist, since Mr. Levinson instructed Mr. Irgang when the latter was a student here in the late 1940's.

Asked to impersonate one Arthur Transue, the hero of an attempted bank robbery at the Lehigh National Bank in Allentown, Pa., Mr. Irgang prepared for his television debut by studying from a fact sheet containing all the information likely to be asked of him during the broadcast.

Following the performance, Mr. Irgang revealed his true identity and pointed out his former acquaintance with Mr. Levinson. As an excuse for failing to recognize his one-time pupil, Mr. Levinson jokingly explained that he "never remembered students who got low marks." (Mr. Irgang received a 95%.)

As his most enjoyable experience in connection with the program, Mr. Irgang cited his pre-show meeting with the panelists—Phyllis Newman, Eli Wallach, Sally Ann Howes, and the aforementioned Mr. Levinson.

In closing, Mr. Irgang informed us that he is currently considering several Hollywood offers. (He didn't say for what.)



Judy G.

By Carol Fingerroth

It's me again! (Sorry—guess this just isn't your day.) Before reading any further, which I suspect you're not too anxious to do anyway, I'd like to give you a friendly tip. If I were you, I'd stop now. (I don't necessarily mean I'd stop being you, but if the shoe fits, you know what you can do with it.)

Since you've evidently chosen to ignore me, I might as well give you some more words of wisdom. (Revenge!) I figured you might not recognize them as being particularly wise, witty, and/or wonderful (I had a little trouble noting it myself), so I thought I'd let you know in advance. Anyway, I've decided it's time I revealed what I think is wrong with Tilden. (This should take a while—like a year.)

Firstly, there is too much tuna. (A&P has a similar problem) and not enough room in the halls. (This does not imply that tuna is what is cluttering the halls, but, just in case, look closely at the kid next to you during passing.)

Secondly, there is not enough worship of Seniors. After all, we are obviously superior, brilliant, talented, wonderful people (maybe) and we even have our flattering graduation photos to prove (disprove?) this fact.

Another Tilden quirk is that lately, there seems to be an unusual element in our immediate atmosphere, namely strange, foreign objects, resembling clipboards, which fly through the air in great profusion, and appear to be somehow connected with the recent population explosion in the Detention Room.

Another Tilden flaw is the abundance of animal life in the locker rooms (other than the students). We realize there are numerous fauna-fanciers in this school, but is it really necessary for them to continue their studies while dressing for Gym?

But the worst deficiency—the single thing which most students would like to eliminate—is, so I've been nastily informed—this column.

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ON THE SIDELINES

with
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Tilden's *Blue Devils* held their annual football dinner at the Lisa Terrace in Brooklyn, Thursday, March 21. The purpose of the dinner was to honor those who had contributed to the successful 1962 campaign.

After the meal and the formal introductions, Tilden's principal, Mr. Abraham Margolies, and the football coach of Temple University, George Macras, delivered the main speeches. Each stressed the importance of the development of scholarship and character in addition to concentration on athletic prowess. Coaches Bernie Mars and Murray Adler expressed their thanks to those who labored during the current season to give Tilden a first-rate football team. The seniors on the squad presented the coaches with a matching set of luggage as a token of their esteem for the aid and guidance that they provided.

Trophies and game balls were awarded to the boys on the varsity who had distinguished themselves during the 1962 campaign. Lou Vega received the MVP award; Charlie Puleo, the Lou Gehrig Medal; Tony Vito, the Freshburger Trophy as the outstanding lineman; Sam Podolak, the Mars Memorial Award; Mike Stromberg, the award as the best all-around player; Marty Rabinowitz, as the most improved player, and Mel Radowitz, the Jeff Game MVP Award.

The Long Walk

Ever since President Kennedy promulgated his physical fitness program, the U.S. has been swept by the most wide-spread and undoubtedly most constructive fad of the past several decades—physical fitness. Most of us have participated in this craze either at home or at school, and all of us have at one time or another read accounts of those undertaking the focal point of our fitness mania—the fifty mile hike.

Last month, we discussed the exploits of a former Tilden student and member of the track team, Arthur Donnelly, who accomplished the feat in the unbelievable time of 7 hours. Obviously shamed by these exploits, some of the members of this season's track team set out to equal the feat by hiking from the school to Wantaugh, Long Island. Only two turned the trick; but fittingly enough they were Richie Weiner, erstwhile cross-country team captain, and Marty Messik, member of the track team (naturally) and *Topics*' news-editor. These boys turned the trick in the commendable time of 14 hours, well within the 20 hour standard set for these hikes.

All those who would like information about setting up their own hikes, or those who would like Marty's or Richie's autographs can come into the *Topics*' office after the eighth period. (Be careful not to trip over the liniment.)

Rookie Wallmen Try For Encore; Netmen Hobbled By Key Injury

Severely hurt by graduation losses, the Tilden *Wallmen* face the prospect this season of completely rebuilding a championship team. Last season, in their most successful campaign in a brief history of competition, the *Wallmen* won the Brooklyn I Division Championship and were only narrowly defeated by Lafayette in the play-offs for the City Championship.

Although they are a basically inexperienced team, there is a fine crop of rookies and just enough experienced veterans to help carry the load.

Even as they were about to take on their first practice opponents, the set starting lineup was still a mystery to Coach Murray Adler. Returning as captain this year will be Harold Weiner. Also back for their second year will be Arthur Fuchs and Stewart Giddberg. Coach Adler expects a great deal from Charles Fishbein, Arnold Nurick, Michael Millman, Joel Globerman and Michael Baron. All are rookies.

Also expected to help are David Basavich, David Dercher, Josh Teitelbaum, Lenny Roth, Mark Askanazy, and Robert Greenfield.

Since they are in Division I, the toughest in the city, they will play approximately the same teams as last year's championship season. However, the *Wallmen* look to the Midwood and Madison matches as their toughest competition. Coach Adler is confident. He comments, "Even though this is a rebuilding year, with these boys I still expect a winning season."

The *Wallmen* have been doing well. After a shaky start, they rallied to beat Erasmus 4 games to 1. With this incentive, they went on to triumph over Jefferson 5 to 0.

April Fool's day, in addition to being April first, is also the opening day of the PSAL tennis season. Returning for his fifth year as coach of Tilden's *Racquetmen* is Mr. John O'Shea.

As in the past, the team is again competing in the toughest division of Brooklyn. During this season, the team will play Midwood, Lincoln, Boys' High, Jefferson, Wingate and Brooklyn Tech. It was to Midwood and Wingate that Tilden placed third last season. The Middies are the perennial contenders for the city championship, which is one reason for Coach O'Shea's considering them "the team to beat."

Captain Lost for Season

The *Racquetmen* received a blow to their morale last month with the news that Captain Herb Selzer, ace singles player, will not be able to play. Selzer, a starter since his sophomore year, was to have been the foundation of the team.

With the loss of Selzer, Barry Nudelman has been elected captain. Nudelman, an experienced player, will have to do the work of two men, until an additional singles player is trained as a regular starter. Also returning are Kenny Schwartz and Lester Rappaport. Mr. O'Shea hopes that they will fulfill the promise they showed at the end of last season and become a truly formidable doubles team.

The loss of Selzer, the limited training time and the lack of enough experienced players has caused Coach O'Shea to say that "this is going to be our toughest year." In spite of this the coach feels that with a few rookies to help out the old team, the season could turn out to be "our finest season."

Sportotopics

Coach Hochheiser is looking forward toward a successful season by the *Cindermen*. Led by outdoor-captains Jeff Sargeant and Denny Gartland, the *Cindermen* look strong again in all the running events, and in the field events, except the shot put and the high jump where depth is lacking.

Early Contests

The early part of the campaign will include non-league dual meets and interscholastic meets which draw runners from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. The non-league dual meets, which will be held at Tilden, are those with Madison, Sheephead Bay, Lafayette, and Jefferson or Lincoln. The first interscholastic meets are the Commerce Relays at Van Cortlandt Park, the Queens Iona Relays at Randall's Island, and the famed Penn Relays at Philadelphia which will be televised.

Good Beginning

The *Cindermen* opened the outdoor season by trouncing Madison, 59 to 40. Inspired by a sparkling one-two finish by Denny Gartland and Rich Weiner in the opening event, the 440, the *Cindermen* went to work and tore the *Highwaymen* to pieces. Jeff Sargeant and Stan Fefferman followed with another one-two victory in the 220. In a stirring finish, Marty Messik came from behind to win the 100-yard dash. Madison's hopes for victory were dashed when both Paul Scheier and Al Ceder broad-jumped 19 feet 9 inches, and Denny Elkin, Barry Char-ton, and Phil Blaustein finished 1-2-3 and took all nine points in the hop-step-jump. The *Cindermen's* 380-relay team of Rich Weiner, Henry Schneps, Denny Elkin, and Marty Messik, and mile-relay team of Jeff Sargeant, Stan Fefferman, Paul Scheier, and Denny Gartland, both overwhelmed their opponents by over forty yards.

Devils' Prospects Good; Post 4-2 Exhibition Log



FANCY MEETING YOU HERE: Seward player is tagged out by Ron Feinstein but to no avail as Tilden bowed, 7-2.

Late last March, the exhibition baseball season opened with a flurry of games against non-league opponents. Even though the games were not counted in PSAL competition, the team was fired up for these opening contests and won two of its first three on three consecutive days at home.

The opener against Westinghouse, March 25: The two teams could combine for only three hits in this 5 inning game, yet Tilden chalked one up in the win column due to the excellent pitching of Bob Rosenthal. He hurled shut out ball, gave up but one hit and enabled Tilden to win 6-0.

Tilden's hitters were busy walking around the bases as the Westinghouse hurlers passed nine men to first base, six in the second inning when four runs were scored without a hit. The two hits Tilden did manage were by left-fielder Al Litt and shortstop Ron Foresta. Both were singles.

Seward Park High School, March 26: It was too cold for baseball. Tilden's nine did not respond favorably to the 40 degree weather and lost to Seward, 7-2. This game was the reverse of the previous game in several respects. Where against Westinghouse the pitching and fielding had been above par and the hitting weak, against Seward, who had a fine pitcher, Tilden collected six hits and all of them were well tagged, but the fielding and pitching fell through.

Eric Ruskin couldn't find the plate and received little help from the infielders who couldn't find the ball. The relief pitchers weren't much better, but the hitters looked good. Mark Civarello picked up home run No. 1 with a line drive into the centerfield stands in the second inning. He had a single in the fourth and got credit for batting in both of Tilden's runs. Frank Tepedino and Rosenthal had long doubles. Rosenthal played second base for this game.

Adelphi Academy, March 27: Tilden combined the good field work of Monday and the good hitting of Tuesday to down highly touted Adelphi 7-1.

The good hitting was well placed throughout the game. Frank Tepedino collected his first homer of the season in the third inning.

After three games the team looked fairly strong in hitting and pitching. The infield was a little green but that is what these games are for, to strengthen the weak points and to get ready for the April 10th PSAL opener.

Dugout Chatter

By Paul Nussbaum

Louis Vega, captain of the baseball team, starting quarterback on the football team, and a sprinter on the track team, is back for his third season of varsity baseball play.

Lou's versatility is amazing and the fact that he stars in three sports attests to this. On numerous occasions little Louie has been called one of the best centerfields that Coach Ginsberg has ever seen. While it is true that Lou can cover the outfield territory as well as any centerfielder in the city, he is by no means a "good field, no hit" ball players. Last year, Lou hit a sizzling .346. At the time of this interview, Lou is hitting at an amazing .400 pace.

Lou Vega's stardom does not end with his play on the baseball diamond. Unquestionably, his play during the past two football seasons has been equally impressive. During the 1961 season, Lou electrified football fans in all parts of the city by throwing the winning touchdown pass in the televised John Jay game.

This past fall, Lou set an all-time Tilden record for the number of forward passes completed during one season. His fine efforts were partially rewarded when in January of this year he was selected as the football team's "Most Valuable Player" for the 1962 season.

In addition, Lou received the singular honor of being named to all division teams by the *Herald-Tribune* and *Journal-American*.

Co-Captain and leading hitter of the *Diamondmen*, Ron Foresta is looking forward to another splendid season for Tilden's baseball nine. Ron, a starting catcher on last year's championship team, is planning to switch to either second base or shortstop for the 1963 season. His lightning-like speed makes him an ideal candidate for either of the two positions.

In addition to his sharp .360 batting average compiled during the 1962 baseball season, Ron has left his share of records on the gridiron. A "triple threat" at halfback, he has led the



Ron Foresta

Blue Devils in rushing yardage for the past two seasons. A year ago, he was the recipient of the outstanding junior award for his football prowess and dexterity. Ron was

outstanding as he led the team in scoring during the 1962 season.

After his graduation in June, Ron would like to continue his ball-playing at Northeastern University. While Ron is hoping and looking forward to another fine season for himself, his chief aim this year is to help spark the *Diamondmen* to another championship year.

Ron feels that our baseball division is very well balanced this season. However, both he and Lou Vega agree that the teams that Tilden must beat are Sheephead Bay and Erasmus Hall, since, in the past, these teams, with almost unbeatable combinations of fast fielding and tight defense have given Tilden a hard time.

Grover Cleveland High School, April 2: Bob Rosenthal and Dave Cook combined fine pitching efforts to stop Cleveland High on just two hits. Tilden won 2-1. Rosenthal pitched the first five innings and struck out nine Cleveland batters. Frank Tepedino had three hits for Tilden. The addition of Mark Goldberg at second base strengthened the infield.

Brooklyn Tech, April 3: Tilden bowed to a good Tech team by a 7-2 score. A wild throw to third base in the first inning by Irving Lipschitz enabled Tech to score its first run. Tilden had a chance in the second inning with the bases loaded and no one out but only one run was scored. Lou Vega pitched three good innings for Tilden.

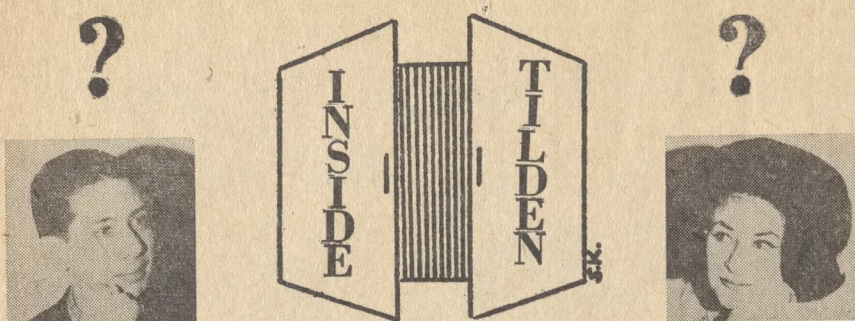
St. John's, April 4: Eric Ruskin overcame his wildness of the week before, pitched steady ball against St. John's and won 3-2. Vega and Ron Foresta led the offense for Tilden. Sheldon Markman played first base as Frank Tepedino took a well-deserved day off. He batted over .700 for the exhibition season; the team finished with a 4-2 record.

Flash!

PSAL Opener Against Madison

April 10, Tilden vs. Madison: The umpire yelled "play ball" and the league season got under way. One hour and four minutes later the first inning ended with Tilden 14 runs richer. Nineteen men went to bat for Tilden; nine of them got hits, six walked and one was hit by a pitch. The big blows were Louie Vega's bases loaded triple to deep center and Mark Civarello's double—also with the bases loaded. Bob Rosenthal, who pitched, had two hits in the inning, as did Civarello and Dave Cannizo. The game was strictly no contest as Tilden coasted to a 17-3 romp. Madison used five pitchers in seven innings, three of them in the first.

Ed Faggen



By SANDY KAPLAN and RUTH GOZ

April is a word which brings different thoughts (and we are all capable of thinking) to different people's minds. April means many things to us. Firstly, a break from the daily doldrum of school routine. (In other words no school for ten days—Easter vacation) Secondly, and the thought in which there is somewhat stilted excitement among us all, is the taking of our fun exams. (Midterms, for those who haven't heard yet!) But the best thought of all, and it just struck us, (and we mean physically) is to stop this meaningless nonsensical talk and write our column.

L., Stanley Nissen
R., Harv Schwartzberg

The American Chemical Society is holding a contest at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. Tilden is entering its chemistry team, consisting of Andrew Auerbach, 6N, Stanley Nissen, 61G, Harvey Schwartzberg, 61C, and David Gorelick, 61B. The winner of the contest receives a \$100 bond.

L., David Gorelick
R., Andrew Auerbach

Get Rid of the Old and Put on the New

During the renovation and modernization of the school starting in September, the Biology Laboratory will be enlarged and re-equipped with more modern materials. The new lab will be in room 241.

Another bit of news from the Science Department is the introduction of an advanced Chemistry course into the curriculum. A student may take the course after one year of chemistry, biology and physics, or with physics.

The Glory of Fame

A former Editor-in-Chief of *Topics* (two years ago) Seymour Safransky, has become city-editor of the Queens College newspaper, *Phoenix*. Some day maybe two other Editors-in-Chief of this paper may rise to such outstanding positions, we hope!

Not to be forgotten is Justin Schiller, an alumni of 1961 and ex-*Topics* reporter. He was recently given the Presidency of Epsilon Nu Gamma, the literary society of Ithaca College.

Give Me a "T"

It's that time of the year again when the girls of our beloved (?) school get their chance to help stimulate school spirit. Booster, Cheerleader, and Twirler tryouts will be held in late April and early May, under the supervision of Mrs. Rina Stempel. Tryouts are open to all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

Flashy Flash

A report just handed to us in the *Topics* newsroom reads as follows: "Jerry Teahan's name wasn't mentioned in the Drama Guild story last issue. He is playing the part of Professor Osman in *Tall Story*. He appeared in the picture of the said story, but wasn't actually mentioned. Pacify him!" Well, all we can say Jerry, is that we're sorry and we hope you're pacified upon reading this report.

Alas, all good things must come to an end and whether this thing (is there a more appropriate name for this column?) is good or bad, it has ended.

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Various Departments Program New Courses

Five new courses are being offered this spring term by the English and Social Studies Departments. These new classes are open to those students who excel in English or history, or who are in need of remedial help. Students who wish to apply, should consult the chairmen of the departments, Mr. Abraham Venit (history) and Mr. Martin Blum (English).

American History 2CH and American History 3CH are the new classes being organized by the History Department. Both of these courses in American history will be offered in the fall and spring terms, respectively, and the participating students will be eligible to take the C.E.E.B. exam for advanced placement college credit. The course is being taught by Mr. Venit.

English for the Foreign Born is a new English class consisting of a general course in the mechanics of English for immigrant students. Mrs. Adele Fisch is teaching this class. Mr. Arthur Daniels is conducting a new class entitled "The English Clinic" designed for those students who are academic or commercial students and have taken remedial English. "The English Language: Its History and Nature" will be concerned with the families of languages, etymology (the study of the sources of words), and semantics (the shift in the meanings of words). The instructor of the course is Mr. Stanley Etkin.

Home Economics Dept. To Improve Curriculum

"The housewife is dead. She has been replaced by the creative manager and planner; the homemaker." This is the sentiment of Mrs. Rita Lindquist, chairman of the Home Economics Department. Even in Tilden a change has been noticed as the Home Economics Department announces a wide range of new and revised courses.

A new course as of this term is *Child Care*. It is open to girls in terms 5-8. The course covers material from the emotional and psychological aspects of pregnancy to the mental, physical and emotional aspects of the growth and development of the child from birth to six years of age.

Revised is the old *Family Living* course, which is now the new Human Relations course. It will be open to 7th and 8th term boys as well as girls, as of September, 1963. The course is an extensive study of many topics, such as *The Family in a Changing World*, *Discovering One's Self*, *Marriage and Partnership*, and *Money Management*.

Also being offered are newly-revised courses in Foods 1, 2, 3, and 4. The emphasis throughout the foods area is on the managerial and decision-making aspects of family life. Along with *Clothing* 1-4, the above courses may be taken by any boy or girl in any term. Commercial students may take any combination of home economics course as their two-year non-commercial sequence. Academic students may take any courses for miscellaneous credit. The general student may take any combination of home economic courses as a two or three year sequence.

Tilden's Home Economics Department has geared its program to meet the challenges of change and to help students to be ready for the future.

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Tribune Youth Forum Attended by Students

The 17th Annual *Herald Tribune* World Youth Forum, with delegates from 39 countries, including the United States, was held at Philharmonic Hall, Lincoln Center, Thursday, March 21, 1963. The program consisted of their panel discussions and an entertainment period of songs and dances from nine countries.

The aim of the World Youth Forum is to further the cause of world peace and understanding by bringing people from diverse cultures together.

"Reflections on America" was the first panel. Delegates from nine nations gave their impressions of this country. Nuala Connolly, the Irish delegate, commented on the lack of strong family ties and discipline. Dalia Funes, Argentine delegate, was impressed by the United States highway system. The Belgian delegate, Thierry Van Eyck, thought the United States should have an educated elite to help it through today's troubled times.

A note of levity was injected by the Malayan delegate, G. Srinivasa Iyer, who started by saying, "Upon coming from one ex-British colony to another, I expected to find many similarities." Then he noted that the American people are friendly, but not quite as friendly as those back home in Malaya.

Abdul Majid Hussein, from Ethiopia, expressed the view that the problem of segregation, although less severe than he had expected, was still damaging U.S. prestige abroad, especially in Africa.

During the question period which followed, the Spanish delegate, Pedro-Fidel Ferrino, was asked about civil liberties in his country. Spain, he replied, does not discriminate against Protestants and Jews. However, their proselytizing is not permitted since Roman Catholicism is the official state religion.

Next, nine delegates discussed "Living in a Divided World." The delegate from Israel, Gideon Remez, listed three prerequisites for a peaceful world: renunciation of war as a means of diplomacy, willingness to compromise and recognition of other nations' rights.

Rabih El-Batal, the Syrian delegate, stressed the importance of solving regional problems as a means of assuring world peace. For the Middle East, he suggested a union of Arab states and repatriation of the one million Palestinian refugees. These aims should be accomplished peacefully if possible, but by force if necessary. "Those who live by the sword," he warned, "pass away by the sword."



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